

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 11 (amended):

C₁ A device for protecting and promoting the healing of a wound on a limb wherein said device comprises an enclosure comprising a plastic material, wherein said enclosure has a closeable opening at an end thereof, a fastening means to enable the opening of said enclosure to be closed around the limb with the wound contained within said enclosure, and a fluid-absorbent material within said enclosure such that, when the device is applied to a limb with a wound, said fluid absorbent material is in contact with an unaffected part of the limb to prevent excoriation of the unaffected part of the limb; and wherein said device provides a warm and moist environment around the wound.

Claim 12 (amended):

The device according to claim 11, wherein said plastic material is gas-impermeable.

Claim 25 (amended):

C₂ The device according to claim 11, wherein said plastic material is pliable.

Claim 26 (amended):

The device according to claim 11, wherein said plastic material is at least partially transparent to provide visible access to the wound.

Please add the following new claims:

C₃ 31. A method for treating a limb having a wound using a device for protecting the wounded limb, wherein said device comprises an enclosure comprising a plastic material, wherein said enclosure has a closeable opening at an end thereof, a fastening means to enable the opening of said enclosure to be closed around the limb with the wound contained within said enclosure, and a fluid-

absorbent material within said enclosure such that, when the device is applied to a limb with a wound, said fluid absorbent material is in contact with an unaffected part of the limb to prevent excoriation of the unaffected part of the limb; and wherein said device provides a warm and moist environment around the wound comprising:

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- a. inserting the wounded limb into the closeable opening of the device;
 - b. placing the wounded limb in the enclosure so that the wound is contained within the enclosure; and
 - c. securely closing the enclosure of the device about the wounded limb using the fastening means.

32. The method according to claim 31, wherein said plastic material is gas-impermeable.

33. The method according to claim 31, wherein said plastic material is of a multi-layer plastic construction including a gas-impermeable layer.

34. The method according to claim 33, wherein said multi-layer construction further comprises an odor-absorbent layer.
